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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department

Letter No.81875-L/ 48- 3.

From

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, Madras

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Industry and Supply,
NEW DELHI

Dated Fort St. George the 5th October 1948.

Sir,

IRON AND STEEL - Provincial quota - Distribution of - Defaults by Registered Stockholders - Delegation of powers to proceed against them.

I am directed to state that the Government of India have authorised the Director of Controlled Commodities, Madras (Provincial Steel Controller) to exercise the powers of a Controller under Clause 11(2) of the Iron and Steel (Control and Production and Distribution) Order, 1941 to call for estimates, returns etc. from the Registered Stock-holders, but he has absolutely no powers to proceed against them if they commit any default in sending returns or any fraud except to suspend supplies, as the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta is not inclined to remove them from the list of Registered Stockholders. This does not work satisfactorily and xxxxxxx in fact results only in public inconvenience. If efficiency in the matter of distribution is to be achieved, the Director of Controlled Commodities should have direct control over the stockholders or atleast powers to punish them for any default. The Government of Madras therefore urge the Government of India that the Director of Controlled Commodities may be empowered, if necessary by enlarging the scope of clause 11 of the Iron and Steel (Control of Production and Distribution) Order, 1941 to take a security deposit of Rs.1,000/- from each stockholder and withhold part or whole of Rs.xxxxxx from xxxx xxxxxx it as punishment in cases of default or other irregularity.

2. A very early reply is requested.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/ ** **
Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Iron and Streel Controller, Calcutta
Copy to the Director of Controlled Commodities, Madras with reference to his letter No.109-B1/48 dated 22-7-1948.

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G.O.Ms.No.6338, Dated 24th December 1948,
Read the following:--

G.O.Ms.No.4658 Development dated 29th September 1947
G.O.Ms.No.3136 Development dated 12th June 1948
From the Director of Controlled Commodities
No.109-B/48-ISC., dated 22nd July 1948.

O R D E R:

In G.O.Ms.No.4658 Development, dated 29th September 1947 read above the Government re-organized the distribution of the Provincial quota of iron and steel to this Province. With the transfer of the work relating to the administration of control over iron and steel from the Director of Industries and Commerce to the Director of Controlled Commodities with effect from 16th June 1948, the Director of Controlled Commodities was asked to continue the procedure followed by the Director of Industries and Commerce for the administration of control and to submit separate proposals, if any difficulty was experienced by him in continuing it. The Director of Controlled Commodities has now submitted certain proposals for further re-organization of the distribution with a view to further eliminate the defects, as far as possible, and to reduce the number of bogus applications. The Government have considered these proposals and direct as follows:--

(1) The Local Officers of the Industries, Revenue and other Departments should recommend applications for iron and steel, only after verification and satisfying themselves that the demands are bonafide and for the minimum requirements.

The Director of Industries and Commerce and the Board of Revenue are requested to issue necessary instructions in the matter.

(2) The Director of Controlled Commodities will send to the District Superintendents of Police and the Commissioner of Police, Madras every month lists of persons to whom permits for iron and steel have been issued by him. The Deputy Superintendents of Police and the Commissioner of Police, Madras will cause the lists to be checked by their subordinates while out on their regular work to ascertain whether the materials have been actually used for the purposes for which they are released and report to the Director of Controlled Commodities any cases of mis-use or malpractice.

The Inspector-General of Police is requested to issue necessary instructions in the matter.

(3) The questions of levying fees on applications for iron and steel and empowering the Director of Controlled Commodities to appoint or eliminate Stockholders, are deferred.

2. The Director of Controlled Commodities is informed that the Government of India have been separately addressed for necessary delegation.....

delegation of powers to him for proceeding against the Registered Stockholders if they commit any default.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

Sd/

To the Director of Controlled Commodities
To the Director of Industries and Commerce
To the Board of Revenue
To the Inspector-General of Police.

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Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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No.I(I)-1(807).
Government of India
Ministry of Industry & Supply

New Delhi, the 22nd January, 1949.

To

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, Madras

Sub: Delegation of powers to proceed against Registered Stockholders of Iron and Steel.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.81875-L/48-3, dated the 5th October, 1948, on the above subject, and to say that the Government of India consider that the scope of the existing Iron and Steel (Control of Production and Distribution) Order, 1941, is sufficiently large for punishing recalcitrant stockholders. If a Registered Stockholder does not furnish the information asked for under clause 11(2) of the Order, he can be prosecuted for violating the Order and if convicted, the Iron and Steel Controller will remove his name from the list of Registered Stockholders. To obtain security deposit from stockholders and to forfeit the whole or part of it as punishment in cases of default would, it is considered, mean an encroachment on the functions of the magistracy.

Yours faithfully,
N.R. Reddy,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy forwarded to the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta, with reference to his Memorandum No.ISC/Corr/48(24)/1, dated 7th January 1949.

(True copy)

Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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